

Identifiers in EAC-CPF

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Preface

This document is used for EAC-CPF revision.

The document collects information about identifiers in EAC-CPF and lists all needed information, that requires an ID in EAC-CPF instance.

Structure:

1. Information, an ID is needed/used for
2. Description
3. Context information needed
4. Element
5. Attribute
6. Comment

Identifiers

We need a way of acknowledging that multiple records represent the same entity.

Information: (particular) record/instance

Description: A required element within <control> that designates a unique identifier for the EAC-CPF instance. The assigning owner ensures the uniqueness of the <recordId> within the EACCPF descriptive system under its control. The <recordId>, when used in combination with the content of the required

<agencyCode> element within <maintenanceAgency>, will provide a globally unique identifier.

Context: Agency that created the record.

Element: [<recordID>](#)

Attribute: [@xml:id](#)

Comment: We already agreed to keep this element as it is, cf. [#53](#)

Information: alternative record

Description: current alternative record identifiers for the same EAC-CPF instance, local or authority record

merged, translated and aggregated records are alternative records

former/obsolete records are alternative records

Context:

- the source (system) of an identifier
- the type of an identifier (ID, URI)
- the replacement of an identifier (e.g. replaced by record id)
- alternative type (merged, aggregated, translated): what kind of alternative record

Element: [<otherRecordId>](#)

Attribute: [@xml:id](#)
[@localType](#)

Comment: [#54](#)

<otherRecordId> is an element for generic alternative record IDs, like merged, aggregated and translated records. It was defined narrowly as other EAC-CPF record IDs from other systems.

action of a record leaving one system and entering another

Examples:

Archives Portal Europe / France:

<recordId>FRAN_NP_010249</recordId>

<otherRecordId localType="original">FRAN_NP_010249</otherRecordId>

<otherRecordId localType="Ancien_identifiant">FRDAFANCH00MC_NAETUDE_122</otherRecordId>

See:

http://www.archivesportaleurope.net/eac-display/-/eac/pl/aicode/FR-FRAN/type/ec/id/FRAN_NP_010249

Archives Portal Europe / Netherlands:

<recordId>a1cc5763-aa18-4d2d-b8f4-ce9214f77eb9</recordId>

<otherRecordId><https://hdl.handle.net/10648/a1cc5763-aa18-4d2d-b8f4-ce9214f77eb9></otherRecordId>

See:

<http://www.archivesportaleurope.net/eac-display/-/eac/pl/aicode/NL-HaNA/type/ec/id/a1cc5763-aa18-4d2d-b8f4-ce9214f77eb9>

Archives Portal Europe / Spain:

<recordId>ES-28079-PARES-AUT-50776</recordId>

<otherRecordId localType="original">ES-28079-PARES-AUT-50776</otherRecordId>

See:

www.archivesportaleurope.net/eac-display/-/eac/pl/aicode/ES-D708/type/ec/id/ES-28079-PARES-AUT-50776

Information: merged record (= alternative record)

Description: merged EAC-CPF instances representing the same entity or those of records that are no longer current

Element: [<otherRecordId>](#)

Attribute: [@xml:id](#)
[@localType](#)

Comment: [#54](#)

attention: there is difference between merged and aggregated records

Merging by aggregating institution vs. merging by original institution, which results in former/obsolete identifiers.

Information: aggregated record (= alternative record)

Description: authority records aggregated within the EAC-CPF instance

Element: [<otherRecordId>](#)

Attribute: [@xml:id](#)
[@localType](#)

Comment: [#54](#)

attention: there is difference between merged and aggregated records

Information: translated record (= alternative record)

Description: same EAC-CPF information in another language

Element: [<otherRecordId>](#)

Attribute: [@xml:id](#)
[@localType](#)

Comment: [#54](#)

Information: alternative format record

Description: current identifiers of records in another format for the EAC-CPF instance, like MARC21 records

Context:

Element: Is a new element needed or do we use [<cpfRelation>](#)?

Attribute: needs to be defined

Comment: Can a record itself have relationships that don't indicate a relationship to the entity?

Belongs this information in [<control>](#)?

Information: authority file record

Description: current identifiers of records in an authority record

Context:

Element: Is a new element needed or do we use [<cpfRelation>](#)?

Attribute: needs to be defined

Comment: Can a record itself have relationships that don't indicate a relationship to the entity?

Belongs this information in [<control>](#)?

Difference between identifier associated with an individual/entity vs one associated with a record

Information: entity

Description: - identifier assigned to an entity
- used to record any identifier associated with the CPF entity
- such as legal identifiers, typically assigned by an authoritative agency

Element: [<entityId>](#)

Attribute: [@xml:id](#)
[@localType](#)

Comment: [#55](#)

Examples:**Archives Portal Europe / Germany:**

<identity>

<entityId localType="VIAF">261645661</entityId>

See:

<http://www.archivesportaleurope.net/eac-display/-/eac/pl/aicode/DE-1958/type/ec/id/140967287>

Archives Portal Europe / Netherlands:

<identity>

<entityId localType="HANDLE">10648/a1cc5763-aa18-4d2d-b8f4-ce9214f77eb9</entityId>

See:

<http://www.archivesportaleurope.net/eac-display/-/eac/pl/aicode/NL-HaNA/type/ec/id/a1cc5763-aa18-4d2d-b8f4-ce9214f77eb9>

Archives Portal Europe / Spain:

<identity>

<entityId localType="PARES">50776</entityId>

<entityId localType="APENET">ES-28079-PARES-AUT-50776</entityId>

<entityId localType="VIAF">147263183</entityId>

<entityId localType="BNE">XX98418</entityId>

<entityId localType="BNF">BNF: http://catalogue.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/cb120886100</entityId>

<entityId localType="CGUIA">21280</entityId>

<entityId localType="SUDOC">128708751</entityId>

See:

www.archivesportaleurope.net/eac-display/-/eac/pl/aicode/ES-D708/type/ec/id/ES-28079-PARES-AUT-50776

Other Requirements

- schema to enforce the use of attributes for storing URIs, cf. [Marks comment](#)
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More Examples

Here, I'm just looking at other examples of:

- recordId
- otherRecordId
- entityId
- cpfRelation/@cpfRelationType (particular to find examples of "identity")

So far, I haven't found a single example where someone has used the @cpfRelationType="identity"

Turnbull Library / New Zealand

199,745 total records

recordId

<recordId>Thesaurus-77824</recordId>

otherRecordId

not used

entityId

not used

@cpfRelationType (identity not used)

associative (2220 / 25504)

family (15008 / 25504)

hierarchical (82 / 25504)

temporal (633 / 25504)

blank (7561 / 25504)

Houghton / Beinecke: Connecting the Dots project

78 total records

recordId

<recordId>FHCL.HOUGH:8822107</recordId>

otherRecordId

<otherRecordId
localType="url">http://nrs.harvard.edu/urn-3:FHCL.HOUGH:8822107</otherRecordId

entityId

not used

@cpfRelationType (identity not used)

associative (548 / 578) with mod:id roles

family (30 / 578) with mod:id roles

SNAC

(not actually associated with the EAC schema)

recordId

```
<recordId>http://n2t.net/ark:/99166/w6dz08rc</recordId>
```

otherRecordId

not used

entityId

not used

@cpfRelationType (identity not used)

uses "sameAs" relationships for links to other systems. e.g.

```
<cpfRelation xlink:type="simple"
xlink:role="http://socialarchive.iath.virginia.edu/control/term#Person"
xlink:arcrole="http://socialarchive.iath.virginia.edu/control/term#sameAs"
xlink:href="http://catalogue.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/cb119291430/PUBLIC">
```

```
<relationEntry>Whitman, Walt (1819-1892)</relationEntry>
```

```
</cpfRelation>
```

```
<cpfRelation xlink:type="simple"
xlink:role="http://socialarchive.iath.virginia.edu/control/term#Person"
xlink:arcrole="http://socialarchive.iath.virginia.edu/control/term#sameAs"
xlink:href="http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/n79081476">
```

```
<relationEntry>Whitman, Walt, 1819-1892</relationEntry>
```

```
</cpfRelation>
```

```
<cpfRelation xlink:type="simple"
xlink:role="http://socialarchive.iath.virginia.edu/control/term#Person"
xlink:arcrole="http://socialarchive.iath.virginia.edu/control/term#sameAs"
xlink:href="https://catalog.archives.gov/id/10581715">
```

```
<relationEntry>Whitman, Walt, 1819-1892</relationEntry>
```

```
</cpfRelation>
```

```
<cpfRelation xlink:type="simple"
xlink:role="http://socialarchive.iath.virginia.edu/control/term#Person"
xlink:arcrole="http://socialarchive.iath.virginia.edu/control/term#sameAs"
xlink:href="http://viaf.org/viaf/2478331">
```

```
<relationEntry>Whitman, Walt, 1819-1892</relationEntry>
```


</cpfRelation>

```
<cpfRelation xlink:type="simple"
xlink:role="http://socialarchive.iath.virginia.edu/control/term#Person"
xlink:arcrole="http://socialarchive.iath.virginia.edu/control/term#sameAs"
xlink:href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walt_Whitman">
```

<relationEntry>Walt Whitman</relationEntry>

</cpfRelation>

```
<cpfRelation xlink:type="simple"
xlink:role="http://socialarchive.iath.virginia.edu/control/term#Person"
xlink:arcrole="http://socialarchive.iath.virginia.edu/control/term#sameAs"
xlink:href="http://www.worldcat.org/wcidentities/lccn-n79081476">
```

<relationEntry/>

</cpfRelation>

Nationaal Archief

(from a sample of 6,200)

recordId

```
<recordId>2611d4a0-9f17-4549-b93a-9cae57f82b1e</recordId>
```

otherRecordId (always corresponds to recordId)

```
<otherRecordId>https://hdl.handle.net/10648/2611d4a0-9f17-4549-b93a-9cae57f82b1e</otherRecordId>
```

entityId (always corresponds to recordId)

```
<entityId
localType="HANDLE">10648/2611d4a0-9f17-4549-b93a-9cae57f82b1e</entityId>
```

@cpfRelationType (identity not used)

associative (108 / 12297)

hierarchical-child (3892 / 12297)

hierarchical-parent (4153 / 12297)

temporal-earlier (2110 / 12297)

temporal-later (2034 / 12297)